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4. (Amended) A method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the alkaline earth metal salt is selected from the group consisting of acetate, propionate, nitrate, chloride, bromide, iodide, lactate, carbonate, phosphate, citrate, pantothenate, tartrate, succinate, malonate, malate, nicotinate, glycerate and gluconate.

Please add the following new claims:

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--13. (New) The method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the allergens are originated from mites.

14. (New) The method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the alkaline earth metal salt is acetate, propionate or chloride.--